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Census Bill Considered in the House.

In Preparation to Terminate all Indian Treaties.

Views of the Ways and Means Committee on the Tariff Bill.

Appropriations Recommended for Western Rivers and Harbors.

Assignment of the New Circuit Judges.

Nominations Confirmed by the Senate.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Gen. Humphreys, Chief of the Engineer Bureau, has recommended the following appropriations for the next fiscal year to be expended on the harbors and rivers, and other improvements, named, viz.: Kennebec River, $50,000; Portland Harbor, $10,000; Piscataqua River, $50,000; Boston Harbor, $50,000; Plymouth Harbor, $5,000; Wellfleet Harbor, $5,000; Provincetown Harbor, $5,000; Hyannis Harbor, $5,000; Nantucket Harbor, $5,000; Vineyard Haven, $10,000; Edgartown Harbor, $5,000; Holmes' Hole, $5,000; Newport Harbor, $50,000; Providence River, $50,000; Pawtuxet River, $5,000; Wickford Harbor, $5,000; Point Judith Harbor, $5,000; Stonington Harbor, $5,000; Mystic River, $5,000; Thames River, $50,000; Connecticut River, $50,000; New Haven Harbor, $50,000; Fairhaven Harbor, $5,000; Westport Harbor, $5,000; Norwalk Harbor, $5,000; Stamford Harbor, $5,000; Port Chester Harbor, $5,000; Grand Haven, $100,000; Muskegon, $100,000; Saginaw River, $50,000; Grand River, $50,000; Manistee River, $50,000; St. Mary's River, $50,000; St. Clair Flats, $50,000; Black River, $50,000; Cuyahoga River, $50,000; Huron Harbor, $50,000; Sandusky Harbor, $50,000; survey of the Upper Mississippi River, $50,000; improving mud-lumber, $50,000; improving Rock Island bridge, $100,000; improvement of the Mississippi River between Rock Island Rapids, $50,000; improvement of the mouth of the Ohio River, $50,000; improvement of the Illinois River, $50,000; improvement of the Illinois River, $50,000; improvement of the Illinois

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SHALL WE REDUCE TAXES?

The most unsatisfactory, and the most democratically unwise, feature in the message of the President and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, is their unconscious assertion that there is no reduction in taxation now, nor until after the rate of interest on the public debt has been reduced from six to 4½ per cent. The Secretary estimates that there will be an excess of gold revenue over gold interest during the coming year of $137,000,000, and an excess of currency revenue over all other expenditures of $44,000,000—making a total of about $200,000,000 in gold, or $115,000,000 in currency. The payment of the national debt at the rate of fifty millions per annum satisfies every demand of the public credit. Our best financiers, as well as the best condition of industry and the humble necessity of the people as to the measure of the circulation and of the Republican party—[illegible]. For the next fiscal year [illegible] can be safely counted on to meet $100,000,000 of the gold, of which Congress ought to require him by law to sell at least $50,000,000. Since it was recently shown that the offer to sell only $4,000,000 of gold would break the most powerful gold combination ever formed, the wisdom of keeping more than $115,000,000 of gold in reserve in the Treasury may well be doubted, and the folly of maintaining more than $346,000,000 or $30,000,000 to be hoarded like misers, is beyond all dispute. We believe the Secretary, who is wholly silent on this all-important point in his report, relies for his justification, not so much on any theory that to keep a hoard is necessary or on the legal quibble that Congress has not by law specifically directed him what to do with it. If he sells it for currency, he is held unsellable for destruction. If he sells it for bonds beyond a certain figure, he is charged with cornering his authority. As he can only sell for one or the other, the board becomes a false financial fetich, and the Secretary, like Micawber, will refuse to reduce gold by sales below 137, lest certain men may suffer in business. Congress should remove all stumbling-blocks from the Secretary's path, by [illegible] of the present hoard of $90,000,000 should be sold. The sale of this $50,000,000 and the $30,000,000 of excess for the year would leave in the Treasury about $120,000,000 of bonds during the year, and would leave $60,000,000 of gold in the Treasury, and the estimated excess of $44,000,000 in internal revenue taxes, might all be thrown off. Or, if we divide the reduction of internal revenue taxes, one-half on the tariff and one-half on the internal revenue, we might reduce the tariff by $25,000,000 in gold the internal revenue by $25,000,000 in currency; the payment of the public debt by $50,000,000; our future annual interest by $7,500,000, and still leave $30,000,000 of [illegible] gold and the present store of idle greenbacks in the Treasury. Is not this enough? Are the people to lose the interest on $60,000,000 of gold,—equal to an utterly wasted tax of more than $4,000,000 per annum,—because the Secretary has no policy to recommend, and Congress has not decided how it shall be utilized? Are we to throw away $4,000,000 a year simply for want of thought, and of the will to execute it? Are we, in addition, to throw away the [illegible] of $30,000,000 on the chance of [illegible] by keeping it as it is? It has come here to [illegible]? Supposing that we pursue [illegible] to the end of the years, are we unwilling to suffer a dead loss of ten millions of dollars a year in our foreign exchanges, in order to [illegible] this gold? And, in the face of this enormous waste of resources, are we to be told that our present grinding rates of taxation,—[illegible] which American ship-owners have all [illegible] and American ship-builders are [illegible] to a [illegible] that is fast [illegible] agriculture,—are to be [illegible] To what end? The present administration cannot afford to answer to the people for a continuance of [illegible] and needless rates of taxation.

THE COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOL.

We find a correspondent, in another column, who, from the author of the County Normal School, now under way at Englewood. Our opinion of the wisdom or the policy of the establishing of [illegible] we have already made on the points set forth by our correspondent. The city possesses a Normal School which has, perhaps, no superior in the country. It was started originally with a view of supplying the public schools of the city with teachers. It has done a good work in this direction, but the [illegible] of the graduates from the High Schools and of the many other schools in this city. We trust, not any that [illegible] pleasure for unused [illegible] there is no doubt [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] of the applicants many fall below the required standard.

The point to make is, that our present Normal School can be enlarged so as to [illegible] the wants of the whole city, and [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] which the demands of any and twenty may require. This can be done with unanimity. Either experiment will result in success, and the public will not be [illegible] by the Englewood [illegible], even admitting that this [illegible] and worthy to depend, therefore, upon the Normal School for [illegible] is nothing that can be accomplished in this direction at Englewood that may not [illegible] at Normal fully, and with little additional expense. The accomplishment of the existing Normal School, which has already a [illegible] in the West, and the same result, with a few degrees, to the [illegible] county, if [illegible] School at Englewood.

The main point in the case is not whether the Normal School building is [illegible] or whether it is worth. We contend that it is not enough. Should the necessity of [illegible] arise, the [illegible] of Cook County will not [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE COURTS.

...r, the Slayer of the Reform ...chool Boy, Admitted to Bail.

...ged Fraudulent Dealing in the Sale of Furs.

...Value of a Game Cock—Mob-Tyros vs. Under-Flappers.

...The Police Courts.

CIRCUIT COURT.

...Malloney v. Theodore Fenwick. Slander for the said and Slander of Lois A. Mack. It ...Andrews, Fenwick, Defendant. ...This is the fourth trial of this case. ...Plaintiff, a young lady, ...Defendant, a married man, ...Plaintiff charged ...Defendant with ...Plaintiff ...Defendant ...Plaintiff ...Defendant ...Plaintiff ...Defendant

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Proceedings of the Second Day of the Winter Session.

Number from the Thirteenth Ward Seats Servering the Board.

Organization of County Officers.

SECOND SESSION.

The Board of Supervisors, Board of County Commissioners, and Board of Review, for Cook County, met in the City Hall, pursuant to the law.

ROLL OF THE BOARD.

Present—Messrs. Ahrens, Bradley, Bremner, Brown, Bunker, Burke, Cahill, Carroll, Cleaver, Cook, Cullerton, Dalton, Dempsey, Dixon, Dunne, Ellis, Fitzgerald, Fuller, Gage, Gallagher, Gilbert, Gilmer, Gleason, Gray, Hall, Hanchett, Hanson, Hayes, Healy, Heath, Hoffman, Hogan, Hoyne, Hunt, Jacobs, Jones, Kaiser, Kelly, Kennedy, Kern, Kinsley, Kirkland, Lawler, Lee, Lehmann, Lyon, Mahoney, Mann, Marsh, Martin, Matthews, McAuley, McCarthy, McCormick, McDonnell, McGrath, McGuire, Meagher, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Morrison, Mueller, Murphy, Nelson, Nolan, Nordhoff, Nugent, O'Brien, O'Connor, Olson, Pierce, Pinkney, Pond, Powell, Prindiville, Quinn, Reed, Rehm, Rice, Rickert, Roche, Rogers, Rosenthal, Ryan, Sanderson, Schaefer, Schmidt, Schuyler, Scott, Shaw, Shea, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stanton, Stevens, Stewart, Stiles, Stone, Sullivan, Swanson, Taylor, Thompson, Tobey, Tuohy, Turner, Vanderpoel, Wallace, Walsh, Ward, Warren, Weber, Wells, Wentworth, Wheeler, Whitney, Wilcox, Wilson, Wood, Woodman, Wright, Yates, Young, Zeigler, and Zimmerman—153.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey, Bennett, Bowen, Brennan, Brown, Bunker, Burke, Cahill, Carroll, Cleaver, Cook, Cullerton, Dalton, Dempsey, Dixon, Dunne, Ellis, Fitzgerald, Fuller, Gage, Gallagher, Gilbert, Gilmer, Gleason, Gray, Hall, Hanchett, Hanson, Hayes, Healy, Heath, Hoffman, Hogan, Hoyne, Hunt, Jacobs, Jones, Kaiser, Kelly, Kennedy, Kern, Kinsley, Kirkland, Lawler, Lee, Lehmann, Lyon, Mahoney, Mann, Marsh, Martin, Matthews, McAuley, McCarthy, McCormick, McDonnell, McGrath, McGuire, Meagher, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Morrison, Mueller, Murphy, Nelson, Nolan, Nordhoff, Nugent, O'Brien, O'Connor, Olson, Pierce, Pinkney, Pond, Powell, Prindiville, Quinn, Reed, Rehm, Rice, Rickert, Roche, Rogers, Rosenthal, Ryan, Sanderson, Schaefer, Schmidt, Schuyler, Scott, Shaw, Shea, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stanton, Stevens, Stewart, Stiles, Stone, Sullivan, Swanson, Taylor, Thompson, Tobey, Tuohy, Turner, Vanderpoel, Wallace, Walsh, Ward, Warren, Weber, Wells, Wentworth, Wheeler, Whitney, Wilcox, Wilson, Wood, Woodman, Wright, Yates, Young, Zeigler, and Zimmerman—153.

Supervisor Ahrens moved to dispense with the reading of the last board meeting, which was carried.

Supervisor Ahrens moved that the names of the present board, with the exception of those 17, which by chance remained on it, be re-elected for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously.

The Post Master General's annual report for the year ending June 30, 1869. Unfortunately it follows, Number of letters, 1867, 1868, 1869. Increase of the year, 1867, 1868, 1869. Increase of the year, 1867, 1868, 1869. Increase during the year, 1867, 1868, 1869. Increase during the year, 1867, 1868, 1869. Increase during